

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 4, after “BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION”, add the following new paragraph:

In accordance with the present invention, these and other problems are overcome by providing a cup lid for use with a cup and having a top edge. The cup lid has a first part lying in a first plane, a top surface, a center axis perpendicular to the first plane and an edge having a perimeter. Means are on the first part for releasably mounting the first part to the top edge of the cup to provide a substantially liquid tight seal between the cup and the first part. A second part extends outwardly from the first part and lies in a second plane and has a longitudinal axis. Means are on the first part and on the second part for movement of the second part between a first position wherein the second plane is co-planar with the first plane, a second position which is spaced apart and away from the first position wherein the second plane is not co-planar with the first plane, and a third position spaced between the first position and the second position wherein the second plane is not co-planar with the first plane. The first part and the second part further comprise biasing means for moving the second part away from the second position and towards the third position. Means are provided on the first part and on the second part for forming an opening which is contiguous to the perimeter and is created when the second part is moved from its first position to its second or third positions. The first part comprises a first section and a second section wherein the second section is substantially flat and lies in the first plane, a concave cross-sectional area relative to the first plane when the second part is in the first position and the second part further comprises a

concave cross-sectional area relative to the first plane when the second part is in the first position. The second part further comprises a concave cross-sectional area relative to the first plane when the second part is in the second position and the first section of the first part comprises a convex cross-sectional area relative to the first plane when the second part is moved from its first position. The second part further comprises a longitudinal flange which has a proximal end and a distal end. The flange is tapered away from the proximal end and to the distal end and further comprises at least one opening. The proximal end of the second part is integral with and moveable relative to the first part and the distal end is spaced apart and away from the proximal end. The first section comprises the shape of a parabola which has an apex and a base. The apex is spaced apart and away from the base which is located near to the proximal end of the second part and is further located between the base and the center axis. The base of the parabola comprises an arc which has an apex with an axis of rotation and the arc is concave relative to the distal end of the second part and convex relative to the center axis of the first part. The arc further comprises a crease on the first part and the crease comprises means for creating the biasing means on the first part and on the second part and for facilitating the movement of the second part relative to said first part. Means are provided on the arc apex for movement in an upward direction about the arc axis of rotation when the second part is moved from its first position towards its second position thereby creating biasing means in the first section to force the movement of the second part away from the second position and towards the third position. A third part is provided having a substantially flat surface, an outer edge and lies in a third plane. Means for mounting the third part to the first part for movement of the third part between

a closed position wherein the outer edge is engaged with the top edge of the cup to provide a substantially liquid tight seal therewith when the second part is moved from its first position and an open position wherein the outer edge is disengaged from the top edge of the cup thereby exposing the opening which is created by the movement of the first part and the second part away from its first position. The third part and the first part further comprise means for removing the third part from said first part.

Page 4, first paragraph, please amend as follows:

In accordance with the present invention, these and other problems are overcome by providing a cup lid for a drinking cup containing a liquid, the cup having a base and a sidewall extending upwardly from the base, the sidewall including an inner surface, a top end, and a rim extending along the circumference of the top end. The cup lid comprises a first part lying in a first plane and having a top surface and a center axis, means on the first part for releasably mounting the first part to the top end of the cup to form a substantially liquid tight seal between the cup lid and the cup, a second part depending radially outwardly from the first part and lying in a second plane, the second part having means for movement relative to said first part, compartment means formed by the second part and the inner sidewall surface and also between the cup and the cup lid for bifurcating a portion of the liquid in the cup into one portion and a second portion, the one portion comprising means for facilitating the flow of liquid into the compartment means and the second portion for facilitating the flow of liquid out of the compartment means, the first part and the second part further comprise first aperture means for permitting the liquid contained in the one portion to flow out of the compartment means

and out of the drinking cup, the second part comprises baffle means for substantially shielding the liquid in the one portion from substantial wave interference with the liquid in the second portion during any lateral movement of the cup whereby any spillage of the liquid out of the cup is substantially minimized.

Page 10-11, please replace the section entitled "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING" starting at page 10 and ending at page 11 with the following replacement text:

FIG. 1 is a top view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is an elevational cross-sectional view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention taken along line 2-2 of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a front elevation view the preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 4 is an exploded perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention and a partial perspective view of a liquid filled drinking cup;

FIG. 5 is an exploded perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention and a partial view of a liquid filled drinking cup;

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 7 is a top view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention and a liquid filled drinking cup;

FIG. 8 is a partial cross sectional end elevational view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention and a liquid filled drinking cup taken along line 8-8 of FIG. 7;

FIG. 9 is a partial cross sectional top view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention and a liquid filled drinking cup taken along line 9-9 of FIG. 8;

FIG. 10 is a perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention showing the third part and a partial perspective view of drinking cup;

FIG. 11 is a perspective view of a second embodiment of the present invention and a partial perspective view of a drinking cup;

FIG. 12 is an end elevational cross-sectional view of the second embodiment of the present invention and a liquid filled drinking cup taken along line 12- 12 of FIG. 11['];

FIG. 13 is an exploded perspective view of the second embodiment of the present invention and a liquid filled drinking cup;

FIG. 14 is a perspective view of a third embodiment of the present invention and a partial perspective view of a drinking cup;

FIG. 15 is an elevational cross-sectional end view of the third embodiment of the present invention and a partial end elevational view of the liquid filled drinking cup taken along line 15-1 5 of FIG. 14;

FIG. 16 is a perspective view of the third embodiment of the present invention and a partial perspective view of a liquid filled drinking cup; and,

FIG. 17 is an exploded perspective view of the third embodiment of the present invention and a partial perspective view of the liquid filled drinking cup[.];

FIG . 18 is a perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the cup lid and drinking cup showing the third part in its closed position engaged with the rim of the drinking cup; and

FIG. 19 is a perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the cup lid and drinking cup showing the third part in its open position disengaged with the rim of the drinking cup.

Page 25, first complete paragraph (starting at line 8), please amend as follows:

In a second embodiment of the present invention shown in FIG. 10, a third part 59 is shown which is hingedly attached to the top surface 40 of first part 24 along edge 31 by fusing edge 31 to top surface 40 of first part 24. Third part 59 ~~and which~~ is capable of moving from a closed position whereby slotted edge 62 located along the outer perimeter 64 of third part 59 and ~~which~~ is releasably mounted to the rim 22 of cup 12 and an open position when slotted edge 62 is spaced apart and away from rim 22 of cup 12. Third part 59 is positioned substantially over and above first aperture 41 to form a substantially liquid tight seal 15 with rim 22 when in the closed position thereby preventing the egress

of liquid 8 from the cup 12. Third part 59 may be easily removed from rim 22 by simply lifting it off the rim 22 and the contents of the cup may then be poured or drunk from the cup 12. Third part 59 may also be removed from cup lid 10 by tearing it off at hinge along alone edge 31.